his press statement reads in part.

Voting for PWDs representatives set for today

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KAMPALA. The Electoral Commission will today hold elections for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) using the National Electoral College.

According to Mr Paul Bukenya, the deputy spokesperson for the EC, voting will be conducted by secret ballot and will take place at Colline Hotel in Mukono.

"The election shall be conducted by secret ballot using the National Electoral College, comprising five delegates drawn from each of District PWD electoral structure," said Mr Bukenya.

The positions

The positions include: chairperson, vice chairperson, general secretary, Publicity Secretary and Treasurer.

"Monday, February 22, is the appointed polling day for elections of Representatives of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in Parliament," a statement released by Mr Bukenya indicated.

He added that the delegates from all the regions of Uganda arrived yesterday to participate in the election.

Provisions

Parliamentary Elections Statute of 1996 provides for five seats in Parliament for representatives of PWDs. The Electoral College is composed of four representatives from each district.

Last year, PWDs in northern Uganda threatened to petition Parliament to amend the law to allow them elect their House representatives through a regional electoral college.

More than 200 PWDs from Karamoja, Lango, Acholi and West Nile sub-regions want Parliament to amend the law through, Ms Ms Joyce Achan Ondoga, the lead petitioner, who then argued that the law was unfair.

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